



## Weldon Lee Evans

December 29, 1949 - January 13, 2023

Weldon Lee Evans beloved former business owner of Evans Supermarket, son of the late Wilmer Lee and Carolyn Emma (Garrett) Evans was born on December 29, 1949, in Lamar, Missouri. He attended school in Nevada, Missouri until moving to Springfield, graduating from Parkview Senior High School in 1967. Weldon furthered his education by attending Drury College, graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1973. After graduating he moved to Richland to join his parents in the family business. He proudly served Richland, and the surrounding communities, until his retirement in December 2011.

Weldon was proud to call Richland home, always wanting to see it thrive and grow. He served as a deputy sheriff, volunteer firefighter, participated in city government, the Lions Club, the Richland school board, as well as coaching youth baseball and softball. Often Weldon's support came from behind the scenes with much needed last-minute items.

Weldon's passion was seeing children grow and achieve the educational skills needed to live productive lives as adults. He encouraged not only his children and grandchildren to "work hard in school," but also his "store kids."

Weldon renewed his commitment to God in 2004 and became a greatly loved member of Grace Baptist Church in Richland.

While in Boone Hospital, Columbia, Missouri, on the evening of January 13, 2023, Weldon became Heaven's newest resident, having attained the age of 73 years.

Left to cherish his memory are his devoted, and loving wife, Karol of the home; four children: William Evans of Eureka, MO, Cassie Wilson (Rob) of Waynesville, MO, Lauren Smith (Tim) of Richland, MO, and Steven Bartlett (Emily) of Lebanon, MO; 8 grandchildren: Sydney and Max Evans, Cameron and Reese Wilson, Logan and Luke Smith, and Clayton and Boone Bartlett; sister: Karen Evans; two brothers-in-law: Michael Adkison (Jennifer), and Jeffrey Bartlett; one nephew: Michael Fiedler; three nieces: Lindsay Parham, Serah Curren, and Ariel Adkison; and a host of other relatives and many, many friends who Weldon called family.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Weldon loved life and the people and adventures that came with it. He was known to be quite the jokester, and just couldn't contain his orneriness. Weldon loved a good laugh and had a great one that could be heard by everyone! He had a big heart, and he always found time to lend a helping hand to anyone he could throughout his lifetime. Weldon will always be remembered and forever loved, safe in the arms of God.

Services were held at 6:30 p.m., Friday, January 20, 2023, in Memorial Chapel of Richland with Pastor Tony Shaw officiating. Son, Steven Bartlett gave the reading of the obituary; family friend, Rich Homan shared many wonderful memories of Weldon during his eulogy. Weldon's son, William Evans also shared several funny and touching stories about his dad. Wife, Karol Evans shared her concluding thoughts before the recorded song, Beulah Land was played by the late soloist, Gary Guice.

Private interment will be held at a later date in the Lake Cemetery of Lamar, Missouri.

Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Weldon Lee Evans to the Salvation Army and may be left at the Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Online condolences can be sent at [www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com](http://www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Weldon Lee Evans*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - January 23, 2023 at 11:22 AM



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - January 18, 2023 at 05:59 PM

RH

*I grew up here. He and his family was a big part of my life. Evans store. will always be a part of Richland. He was here for young kids. I can recall my son took a pack of gum. And made him take it back. And he gave it to him. After talking to him . He will be missed*

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**Rhonda J Hughes** - January 18, 2023 at 08:59 PM



“ *Weldon Lee Evans*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

RH

“ *Robin Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Weldon Evans*



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**Robin Hobbs** - January 22, 2023 at 09:54 PM

MH

“ *I will never forget going to town on Saturdays when I was little and stopping by Evan's (which, I still call it today). One day Weldon and his dad gave me a popsicle and it froze to my tongue! Pretty devastating to me but they thought it was hilarious. Made us friends for life! Weldon was a hoot. Huge heart for his community! Enjoy heaven...see you again!*

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**Mary Howlett** - January 20, 2023 at 07:24 PM

SC

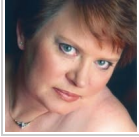
“ *Weldon was always so good to our son Will & his son Steven, and knew all the kids in town. We lift up his family in prayers for comfort & peace as they travel through such grief. Hang on to all the good memories until you meet again.*

*In His Love, The Carsons  
John, Samantha, and family*



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**samantha carson** - January 20, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ *Kimberly Orebaugh lit a candle in memory of Weldon Evans*



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**Kimberly Orebaugh** - January 20, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *Praying for the family during this difficult time. May God give you peace.*

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**Lloyd/Janice Jones** - January 20, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ *He was always very kind to us when we shopped at Evans. Free candy as kids and he always spoke to us as we entered the store. Many good memories! Wishing the family peace during this time.*

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**Todd and Renita Watkins** - January 20, 2023 at 02:04 PM



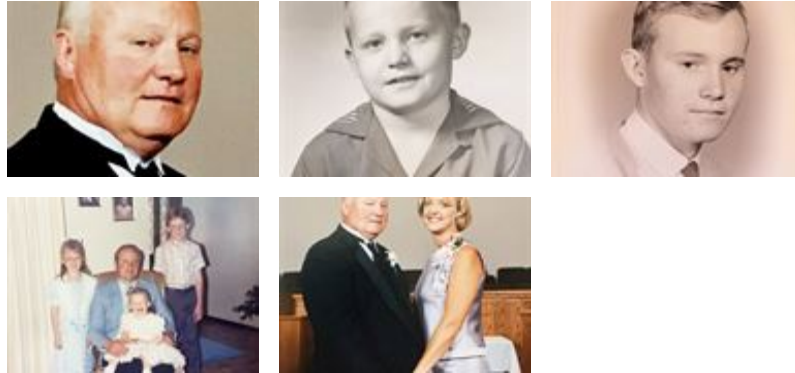
“ *Weldon you were so good to my son and his class...those boys never went hungry or thirsty on any of their golf trips that's for sure! You did soooo much for the youth of this small town with your huge heart💚 Ever so grateful...you were one of the good guys!!! My heart goes out to your family...*

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**Debbie Montoya** - January 20, 2023 at 12:06 AM



“ 11 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - January 18, 2023 at 05:59 PM

JR

“ *A great man. Made me feel welcome when I came to Richland as a young teacher and coach almost 35 years ago. Lover of people and community. I will miss Weldon. God bless his memory and family.*

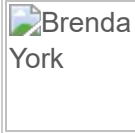
**Jamie Roberts** - January 18, 2023 at 04:24 PM

JR

“ *Jeana Ray lit a candle in memory of Weldon Evans*



**Jeana Ray** - January 18, 2023 at 03:01 PM



“ Weldon told me that he had spoiled probably every Child in Richland because he would slip them a piece of Brock's candy out of the bulk pieces. He loved spoiling Kids. He always had fun in Life.



Brenda York - January 17, 2023 at 07:39 PM



“ Karol, my heart goes out for you for your loss.

Jerry Morgan - January 17, 2023 at 07:30 PM



“ Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Weldon Evans



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - January 17, 2023 at 03:27 PM



“ Mary Haas sent a virtual gift in memory of Weldon Evans



Mary Haas - January 17, 2023 at 12:40 PM

SH

“ Susan Hall lit a candle in memory of Weldon Evans



Susan (Sutton) Hall - January 17, 2023 at 10:46 AM

GS

“ Gina Smith lit a candle in memory of Weldon Evans



Gina Smith - January 16, 2023 at 08:35 PM

PP

“ Weldon never knew a stranger, partially because he was a business man but mostly because he was a nice man. He was so very good to my mother in law, Earls Mom. RIP Mr. Evans, all of Richland will remember you.

Patricia Posten - January 16, 2023 at 08:27 PM

CG

“ Karol and family, so sorry for your loss. Weldon was very friendly and made you laugh. Prayers for the family. Love Carol & Jerry Gideon



Carol Gideon - January 16, 2023 at 08:15 PM

MC

“ *Marietta Cline lit a candle in memory of Weldon Evans*



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**Marietta Cline** - January 16, 2023 at 08:12 PM

LC

“ *Linda cole-schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of Weldon Evans*



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**Linda cole-schonbok** - January 16, 2023 at 06:58 PM

DH

“ *Della Hage lit a candle in memory of Weldon Evans*



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**Della Hage** - January 16, 2023 at 05:42 PM

DN

“ *If my youngest would have kept all the quarters that Weldon gave her, she would be rich. It took us a while to convince her that her name wasn't George.  
I pray for grace and peace from the Lord for your family.*

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**Dan Novak** - January 16, 2023 at 05:38 PM

RF

“ *Karol, we're so sorry to hear about Weldon. We'll keep you and family members in our prayers.* ”

Ruth and Howard Feldmeier - January 16, 2023 at 05:30 PM

JP

“ *Jamie Plakorus lit a candle in memory of Weldon Evans* ”



Jamie Plakorus - January 16, 2023 at 04:39 PM

AS

“ *Alpha Scriver lit a candle in memory of Weldon Evans* ”



Alpha Scriver - January 16, 2023 at 03:59 PM

VS

“ *Valorie Springer lit a candle in memory of Weldon Evans* ”



Valorie Pentecost Springer - January 16, 2023 at 03:25 PM

MB

“ *Karol, William, Cassie, Lauren? and Steven I am so very sorry! Knew him every since they came to Richland and always enjoyed visiting with all of them while I shopped. Always had something to make me laugh! Millie Howlett Brotherton*

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**Millie Howlett Brotherton** - January 16, 2023 at 02:57 PM

CH

“ *Weldon was a great person, gave my son James Ellis his first job. He always spoke to me every time I would see him. He will be missed.*

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**Carroll Ellis Howerton** - January 16, 2023 at 01:48 PM

CK

“ *christy kramer lit a candle in memory of Weldon Evans*



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**christy kramer** - January 16, 2023 at 01:14 PM